

The hall had been specially prepared for the ceremony. The back of the stage was draped in black and in the center hung a large photograph of the late Emperor, while above this, hidden by mourning crepe was seen a huge golden chrysanthemum, the emblem of the Imperial Japanese household. To the right of the photograph stood a Japanese pine tree, always used in connection with a ceremony of this kind, while on the left was a

The ceremonies began at eight o'clock, and from that time on the pupils of the various Japanese schools, accompanied by their teachers and the trustees came to pay their respects to the late Emperor. As the pupils marched in they formed two groups, the boys on one side and the girls on the other, in front of the stage. At a word from one of the teachers, all made a low bow to the photograph, and at another signal marched out in

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